



Navy Medicine 2017 #YearInReview

NAVY MEDICINE: 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

It's been a great year in Navy Medicine! As we prepare to ring in the new year, help us celebrate our people, our accomplishments, and the stories we've told in 2017. Check out some of our favorite blogs from the past year:

January

I am Navy Medicine: Petty Officer 1st Class Bernard Anthony Morales – The Navy is a family tradition for this Sailor, who had seven uncles and one aunt serve in uniform. Read more about this Chesapeake, Va. native's journey in Navy Medicine.



February

Remembering the War Dispensary, the forerunner of Naval Medical Center San Diego – One hundred years ago, the U.S. Navy moved to the vacated grounds of the Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park to establish a training camp for Sailors destined for the “Great War.” Amidst the stately exposition buildings and expanse of canvas recruit tents stood the former Expo Park Police Headquarters, soon to be home to the camp’s medical facility. Few could have imagined back then this modest structure would represent the very foundation of the Navy’s flagship hospital in San Diego, Calif.



March

Navy Surgeon General opening remarks to Senate Appropriations Committee – Defense – Vice Adm.

Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general and chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, spoke before the subcommittee during a hearing on defense health programs and military medicine funding March 29. “We have no greater responsibility than sustaining readiness, now and in the future. On any given day, Navy Medicine personnel are forward deployed with the fleet, Fleet Marine Forces, special warfare units, the joint force, and at overseas commands, supporting a high operational tempo and meeting the demand for contingency operations around the world.”



April

A Navy physician's perspective on Traumatic Brain Injury programs – Capt. Thomas Johnson, director, Intrepid Spirit Concussion Recovery Clinic at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, provided these opening remarks to the House Armed Services Committee Military Personnel Subcommittee during a hearing on post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury clinical and research programs, April 27.



May

Top Navy Nurse describes a ‘typical day’ in Navy Medicine [interview] – In honor of National Nurses Week 2017, the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery public affairs office interviewed the Navy’s top nurse, Rear Adm. Tina Davidson, director, Navy Nurse Corps on why she chose a Navy nursing career and what a typical day in the life of a Navy nurse entails.



Capt. Mary White, a nurse practitioner at Naval Branch Health Clinic Mayport’s Pediatrics clinic, examines a child experiencing cold symptoms.

June

Navy Medical heroes of Midway – June 4, 2017 marked the 75th anniversary of arguably the most pivotal naval battle in history. The one-day battle reversed the tide of World War II in the Pacific, six months after Pearl Harbor. Following the Battle of Midway, Japanese Imperial Forces were on the defensive for the remainder of the war. Although U.S. forces suffered significant losses, the outcome extinguished any prospects of threats to Hawaii and the west coast. Here are some excerpts and commendations highlighting Navy medical officers who served as heroes during this battle.



Survivors of USS Hammann (DD-412) being brought ashore at Pearl Harbor from USS Benham (DD-397).

July

Five Navy Medicine moments in July 2017 – Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. These photos depict our medical professionals at work in July.



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Christina Sizemore, left, and Ships Surgeon Lt. Cmdr. Krista Puttler perform surgery aboard the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77). (U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Joe Boggio)

August

I am Navy Medicine: Lt. Andrea Fluke, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, Integrated Medical Service Team – She felt a calling to serve military members and their families, and her father’s and sister’s examples of service inspired her to become a Navy nurse. “It has been a privilege to care for our Sailors and their families.”



Lt. Andrea Fluke, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi, Integrated Medical Service Team, discusses positive attitudes towards diabetes management. Her team hosts a weekly class for patients, Continuing Your Journey with Diabetes.

September

Navy Medicine round-up: Prevention is critical to readiness – As Preventive Health Month came to a close this August, we remained committed to keeping Sailors, Marines and their families, healthy, ready and on the job through prevention. This blog examined a few examples of preventive health initiatives in action across the Navy Medicine enterprise.



Lt. Allison Wessner, a pediatrician at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, conducts a check-up with a two-month-old and her mother. (U.S. Navy photo by Jacob Sippel)

October

Five things you need to know about the new Hospital Corps PQS – A new Navy Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) developed by Navy Medicine Education, Training and Logistics Command (NMETLC) became mandatory Oct. 1 for Hospital Corps “A” School graduates assigned to a Navy military treatment facility. The new PQS is designed to provide commands a proven method for successful training that supports the commanding officer, benefits the command and guides the Sailor’s training efforts. The ultimate goal of the PQS is to help ensure a competent, qualified, life-saving medical watch stander.



November

I am Navy Medicine: Cmdr. Leslie Kindling – This Erie, Pennsylvania native has a background in biomedical engineering, and has spent 15 of her 19 years of service in Marine Corps units or on Marine Corps Air Stations. Learn more about Cmdr. Kindling’s story in Navy Medicine.



Cmdr. Kindling co-pilots during a training session at Marine Aviation Weapons Tactics Squadron One.

December

A Look Inside: NAMRU-6 – What does Navy Medicine applied research look like? Get an inside view of U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 6 in Lima, Peru!



NAMRU-6 studies the interplay between malaria and the human immune system to identify new malaria vaccine targets.